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In re Application of:) Confirmation. No. 5377
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INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In response to the Office Action mailed April 21, 2004 (the "Office Action"), Applicant offers the following amendments and remarks. By this amendment, claims 1, 5, 10, 12 and 16 have been amended and claims 3, 4, 14 and 15 are cancelled without prejudice and disclaimer to the subject matter therein. A one-month extension of time is filed herewith along with the appropriate fee. Any deficiency in or overpayment of this fee should be charged or credited to Deposit Account No. 50-0206.

<u>Amendments to the Claims</u> are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 5 of this paper.